Sovereign Grace Church

August 20th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"… God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ"

(1 Thessalonians 5:9)

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Philosophy and religion both discard at once the very thought of free-will; and I will go as far as Martin Luther, in that strong assertion of his, where he says, "If any man doth ascribe aught of salvation, even the very least, to the free-will of man, he knoweth nothing of grace, and he hath not learnt Jesus Christ aright." It may seem a harsh sentiment; but he who in his soul believes that man does of his own free-will turn to God, cannot have been taught of God, for that is one of the first principles taught us when God begins with us, that we have neither will nor power, but that He gives both; that He is "Alpha and Omega" in the salvation of men.

— Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Lincoln Wood Baptist Church, Grace Conference

October 20-22, Chris Cunningham & Gabe Stalnaker

Happy Birthday!

Desta Richards, August 25th
Peyton Spring, August 30th

Resources

BE sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

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" …'draw' means to 'drag'… "

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

(John 6:44)

No man can come to Christ except God the Father draw him. The reason a man can't come is because he is dead in trespasses and sin. Did you know that the Greek word for "draw" means to "drag?" I understand that God will not *drag* any man to heaven's glory, kicking and screaming against his will. God simply makes the chosen sinner willing in the day of His power (Psalms 110:3). But the only two ways to bring or take a dead man with you somewhere, is to drag him or give him life. Thank God, that in Christ, God draws us by the cords of His love, power and grace and gives us spiritual life through a new birth. The saved sinner is made able and willing only because they are made alive unto God [1 Corinthians 15:22].

— David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

'Neither is there salvation in any other.'

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

It is often seen, that some, who have no *reason* to conclude, that they are in a happy *state*, have no *scruple* at all of the *goodness* of their *state*, and the *safety* of their *condition*. They are indeed other *sort* of *men* than they once were, they have passed under a *change*, and they think all is well. But they know not themselves, nor *sin*, nor *God*, nor *Jesus Christ,* nor wherein the real *happiness* of a poor *sinner* consists, and are quite easy and content without it. They cry to themselves *peace*, though they know not the *way* to eternal *rest* and *peace*. They think, that they are in *the Way to Heaven*, but in *fact* they are in *the Road to Hell* and everlasting misery. There is another *way*, which leads to *death*, besides that of indulging our sensual *lusts*, and neglecting the *duties of religion*, *viz.* a *proposal* to obtain *life* by our own *works*, in *opposition* to God's Way of saving poor *sinners*, alone by *the blood, righteousness, and grace of His Son*. He, who thinks to acquire a *right* to Heaven by his own *works*, and attends to *duty* upon that principle, will in the issue meet with a sad *disappointment*.

— John Brine (1703–1765)

Him That Cometh To Me

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37)

NOW mark the immense blessings, according to the order in which they stand: *"All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me."* All; not one, or two, or ten, or a million only, but all. And observe wherefore. They are the Father's gift to Jesus, and therefore they *must* come.

He saith elsewhere, *"that I should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given me"* (John 17:2). Hence, therefore, there is a blessed provision, a blessed security, that they shall come; for they are the Father's gift to Christ, as well as the *purchase* of Christ's blood; and the promise is absolute in the charter of grace: *"Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power"* (Psalm 110:3). And, to give every possible encouragement to the poor coming sinner, whom God the Holy Ghost is leading by the hand to all-precious Jesus, however unconscious that poor soul is under whose gracious influence he is coming, Jesus adds, *"And him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."* Observe the tenderness of our Lord's words. He had said, all shall come; but Jesus well knew the most humble are the most timid and the most apt to be discouraged; and therefore He makes each one's case to be expressed by the word him: *him that cometh*.

As if Jesus had said, "Let that poor creature, who is most afraid, by reason of a conscious sense of his transgressions, take comfort: if he cometh, let him know, that '*I will in no wise cast him out.*'" And to confirm it still more, Jesus adds, "For this is the very purpose for which I came down from heaven; not only because it was my full purpose to seek and save that which was lost, but it is *'the will of my Father also, who sent me*.'" And, as if to impress this grand truth upon every poor sinner's heart, He repeats the gracious words: *"And this is the will of Him that sent me."* He saith it twice, that there might be no mistake.

And yet farther: if a poor sinner should say, "But how am I to come, and in what am I to come; what are the qualifications for coming?" *"This,"* saith the all-gracious Redeemer, *"this is the will of my Father,"* the will of Him that sent Me; that *"every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life."* [AMEN!]

— Robert Hawker (1753–1827)